



# NEWS RELEASE

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United States Attorney Deborah Gilg and the Nebraska State Patrol announce the following information for the attention of the media:

**Event Triggering this Release:**

On January 4, 2010, Jose Angel Avena Beltran was sentenced to a term of 60 months in prison, 4 years of supervised release and a \$100 special assessment on one count of distribution of methamphetamine. The case resulted from six controlled purchases of methamphetamine from Jose Angel Avena Beltran by a Nebraska State Patrol confidential informant from March 24, 2009 through April 29, 2009. On April 30, 2009, a search warrant was issued for Avena Beltran's vehicles and his residence in O'Neill, Nebraska. Items were seized that were indicative of distribution of methamphetamine. Law enforcement seized 26 grams of pure methamphetamine during the investigation

**Name of Defendant:** Jose Angel Avena Beltran

**AKA:**

**Age:** 23

**City of residence:** O'Neill, Nebraska

**Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty** (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty): Distribution of actual methamphetamine, 5-40 years imprisonment, up to a \$2,000,000 fine, or both imprisonment and fine, not less than 4 years of supervised release and a \$100 special assessment.

**Specific Location of Alleged Crime:** O'Neill, Nebraska

**Location of Arrest:** O'Neill, Nebraska

**Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug:** 26 grams of actual methamphetamine

**Others Charged in Same Scheme:**

**Relevant Dates:**

**Date of Alleged Crime:** March 24, 2009 through April 30, 2009.

**Federal Arrest Date:** 6/23/09

**Date Complaint Issued:**

**Indictment Returned Date:** 6/16/09

**Initial Appearance Date:** 6/23/09

**Plea or Trial and Date(s):** 8/28/09

**Sentencing Date:** 1/4/10

**Next Court Hearing Type and Date:**

**Assigned Magistrate Judge:** FG3

**Held without Bond, or Released from Custody:** Held without Bond

**In Continuous Custody Since:** 6/23/09

**Assigned District Court Judge:** JFB

**Initials of Assigned AUSA/Preparer of THIS Release:** KCB/cir